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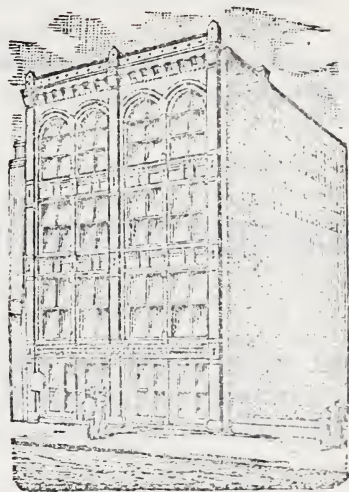
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I, Henry W. Clough, upon oath, depose, testify, and say that the portraits used in this lecture are new and original, and never appeared in the *Police News*, or any other publication, and that they are intended to represent the persons whose names are under them.

HENRY W. CLOUGH.

State of New Hampshire.

Merrimack ss. Subscribed and sworn to, this First day of April, 1886,
before me,

C. G. HAWTHORNE,
Justice of the Peace.

DR. PRATT'S LECTURE.

The lemon trade has fallen, as my friend President Cleveland would remark, into innocuous desuetude. I must crave your indulgence in some other field of endeavor.

I am fast becoming old, fast slipping irretrievably into the sere, the yellow leaf. Night has fallen upon the hey-day in my blood. My days of usefulness may be numbered with the past, but the flowers and fruits of love are not gone.

I am hardly better than a pennant fluttering at the mast-head of a submerged generation, yet I shall presume to eulogize the age in which I live.

I might, perhaps, have begun with some easier and less personal discourse, but the invidious discriminations of the *Granite Monthly*, in its biographies, and the considerable expense of a creditable appearance in such works as Clarke's *Successful Men of New Hampshire*, and the recent twelve-dollar *History of Merrimack County*, together with the innate modesty of many of our wor-

thiest and most exemplary citizens, who naturally shrink from any public mention, have conduced to leave a dangerous void in the invaluable history of human experience, which I shall humbly and most respectfully attempt to fill.

I have not forgotten that this is the First of April. I have been provokingly reminded of the fact. I am conscious, too, of the traditions of mistake and misunderstanding which attach to this day. It is possible that I have chosen a most inauspicious time to emerge from long domestic seclusion into the fickle atmosphere of public criticism. But I am not superstitious. The blind Gods of Fate wield no sceptres of terror for me. My infirmity of total blindness insures me safety against the ominous sight of the new moon over the left shoulder, and I am almost equally unlikely to constitute one at a dinner party, especially of thirteen guests.

There is a legend of an island off the western shore of Ireland, where, until a physician arrived, people never died. John Murphy, a resident there, is said to have reached the age of a hundred and ten years, and the Countess of Drummond to have lived through a hundred and forty-two salubrious Summers; and Mr. Daniel McCarty, after burying four wives, married the fifth, a girl of sixteen, at the somewhat advanced age of eighty-four, by whom he had several children. These all, having outstripped the limits of decent longevity, together with many others, had to be taken to the mainland, that they might expire.

The men to whose illustrious careers I am now to call your attention, briefly, can never die. They may fade from physical sight, their toes be turned up to the daisies, and their bodies become temples for worms, but the resplendent brilliancy of their intellects will light the dawning vistas of posterity. The spirit of their stirring enterprise, the prestige of their sterling manhood, the generous

throb of their loyal hearts, will be felt adown all time to come.

The Remarkable Men, whom I shall endeavor to the best of my impaired ability to portray in hasty crayon draft for your recognition, this evening, are the central flowers in the emblem of New Hampshire chivalry, the key-stones in the arches of our sacred trusts, the safe anchors of our present welfare, and the crowning hopes of our future success.

In the short time allotted to me I cannot of course be expected to give you many biographical details, but with the aid of this blackboard, and such use as I may make of the crayon, I hope to stamp lastingly, especially into the recollections of the young, the characteristic features of men the record of whose deeds, the glory of whose achievements, the nobleness of whose natures, are written indelibly across the pages of our country's history.

I will now sketch a little study in phrenology :—



MR. JOSEPH H. ABBOT.

Mr. Abbot is an active business man, the honored Vice-President of the famous Abbot-Downing Company of Concord, and a rotund gentleman whose temperate

habits and superior intelligence have been recognized by his fellow-citizens, who have elected him to the City Water Board, a position of responsibility and trust which he did not seek, but which he is occupying to eminent public satisfaction. His countenance indicates benevolence and generosity, and he is acknowledged to be very kind-hearted and considerate. He has been an extensive traveller, and has a large circle of personal friends and acquaintances, who hold him in high respect. He superintends a fertile farm, and thereon raises pumpkins of a superior quality. He is still unmarried, although his wedding cards were once issued gratuitously. His jovial face and genial manners entitle him to mention longer than I have time now to give. *He is a very remarkable man.*

Let me present another :—



COL. PRESCOTT F. STEVENS.

We have in Col. Stevens an eminently self-made man. In early youth he came to Concord on a one-horse tincart, penniless and almost friendless, and by industry and perseverance and selling goods at low prices, has

succeeded in amassing a large fortune in real estate and other property, and in winning the confidence and esteem of the community in which he resides. He has been a member of the City Government and of the State House of Representatives, for which offices he was a very unwilling candidate, accepting the positions only at the most urgent solicitation of friends who believed his promotion would redound to public welfare and prosperity. Frequent reference is made to him in connection with the Mayorship of Concord, also the Governorship of the State, either of which places he is capable of holding creditably to himself and his constituents. *He is a very remarkable man.*

Look at this one :—



JAMES O. LYFORD, ESQ.

His ready and easy adaptation to different kinds of work, especially in literary and political pursuits, won him the name of "General Utility Lyford," which is recognized and appreciated throughout this State, wherein he is known as an energetic politician and a facile news-

paper writer. It is now no secret in the journalistic profession that he is the author of the popular Washington letters to the *Independent Statesman* and *Concord Daily Monitor*, which have attracted much attention. At the last session of our Legislature he had a formidable support as candidate for Secretary-of-State, and undoubtedly would have been elected had any change been determined upon in that office. He served with great credit as a member of our last Constitutional Convention, and has been surprisingly successful in all of his undertakings,—except in transmitting fresh fried oysters by U. S. mail to friends in New Hampshire. *He is a very remarkable man.*

Here is the picture of a progressive man :—



CAPT. JOHN H. TOOF.

The most prominent New England member of the National Laundrymen's Association is Captain John H. Toof, familiarly known as "Joe" Toof. He is the leading laundryman of New Hampshire, employing many hands, and using all the modern apparatus for prompt, safe, and efficient cleansing. Not many years ago he

began business as a mere washerman, scrubbing the clothes, wringing and ironing them with his own hands, but now his time is occupied with the superintendence of the several departments of an extensive laundry establishment, equipped with the finest machinery for such work. Captain Toof won his title in the Fire Department, to which he is an invaluable devotee. He maintains a public bath-house, and therein, as otherwise, is a public benefactor. *He is a very remarkable man.*

Here is half of the Hopkinton Bar :—



EX-JUDGE CARLOS G. HAWTHORNE.

Mr. Hawthorne was born in the neighboring town of Hopkinton, which now has the honor of being his permanent residence. He lived and practised law for many years in Iowa. He was an active participant at Pittsburgh, Penn., at the original organization of the Republican party, and was Chairman of one of the most important committees. He was Judge-Advocate of Provost Marshal Department during the war. He was the intimate friend of the late Horace Greeley, whom he warmly supported. He has had wide experience in life, and is

an extensive reader in general literature, and well versed in law. He has great vigor of mind, and that enviable good-nature which comes of an excellent digestion. *He is a very remarkable man.*

Quality of brain is far more essential than quantity. I might cite Caleb Cushing or William M. Evarts, but I will call your attention to a small but richly endowed head:—



MR. HENRY P. MOORE.

Here is a genius. His head presents large constructiveness and large imitation, with large ideality and mirthfulness, together with a very noticeable development of all those faculties which go to constitute a superior artist. His fertile brain will never leave him to go hungry. He is an inventor. In a sleepless hour of the night he might conceive something in mechanism that would startle the world with its originality. With an unexpected impulse he might paint a picture worthy of a great master, and in another moment his love of fun would have reduced it from sublimity to ridiculousness, from high tragedy to trail in the dust of low comedy.

from romance to every-day life. To him that does not know him, he might at times seem somewhat of an enigma, but those who know him best find him a royal good fellow. He greatly loves a good time, and is true to a friend. Only few men have made more money, and only few have spent more than he has; yet his lucrative vocation never fails of rich harvests, and he has means, and to spare. He is regarded as an indispensable member of the Penacook Boat Club, and of the community in which he lives, and is indeed *a very remarkable man*.

Let me introduce you to a very accommodating gentleman :—



MR. CASSIUS W. PIERCE.

The courteous and genial Agent of the American Express Company, formerly stationed at Concord, N. H., but recently promoted to the more lucrative management of the large office of the Company at Lowell, Mass. His patience with the public, and manifest desire to accommodate the patrons of the Corporation, have won him golden opinions. He will be further promoted, and is worthy of all the trust and confidence imposed in him. *He is a very remarkable man.*

To those of us who cannot travel extensively, the traveller himself is an object of interest. It is with something of reverend curiosity that we gaze upon a man who has stood upon Mount Sinai, and has strode along the sea of Galilee, that has looked upon Jerusalem, and seen the cattle upon the thousand hills. Fondness for travel is plainly marked in the features of the face that I have put upon the board:—



CHARLES R. CORNING, ESQ.

The Edward King of New Hampshire, Charles R. Corning, Esq., of Concord. It has been Mr. Corning's good fortune to see much of the world. He has swung around a circle bigger than Andrew Johnson's famous circuit. He has been around the globe. He is even now writing a book on travel, which is soon to be published. Mr. Corning is a prominent member of the Board of Education, and therefore prominent in the management of the Base-Ball Association. He is also a Trustee of the City Library, and has a great knowledge and love of books. He is eminently a social gentleman, of fine personal bearing and polished attainments, and *a very remarkable man.*

In the practice of law with Mr. Corning is Fred H. Gould, Esq., formerly of Bradford, but more recently of Concord, N. H. Let me give some notion of him :—



FRED H. GOULD, ESQ.

A young and energetic attorney, of practice and proficiency, and an only child. Mr. Gould takes occasional recreation in hunting and fishing, in which sports he is exceedingly adept. He is an excellent shot with a rifle at the remotest range, and has given to pisciculture such careful study as to make him a valuable expert, whose advice is frequently sought by high authority. He has taken an active part in beautifying Lake Sunapee, and has done much to increase its popularity as a Summer resort. He is himself the owner of an elegant and hospitable residence in a superb grove on the shore of this charming lake. He is also the proud owner of the famous hunting dog Don Godfrey Gould Jacobs. Mr. Gould was for many years associated in the practice of his profession with the late Hon. John Y. Mugridge, and is, in fact, a *very remarkable man*.

The cool man is the man that is wanted—wanted, for engineer on a railroad, for captain of a steamboat, for director of a bank; wanted, to try a law-suit in court, to give safe advice, to take a hand at “hanky panky;” wanted, in public office and private trust alike; wanted, to doctor the sick, to meet the thousand-and-one emergencies and exigencies of uncertain existence; wanted, in every great and laudable undertaking, in every promising enterprise, in all trades and professions; wanted, in every department of changeful life, from the promulgation of a great national principle to the tending of a teething baby.

Let me show you a cool man:—



COL. TRUE L. NORRIS.

By education and experience a lawyer, by present employment a journalist, we have here introduced Col. True L. Norris, of Concord, staff correspondent of the *Boston Globe* and the *Manchester Union*. He is a quiet and unpretentious gentleman, of wonderful coolness and self-possession. Although still young, he was a faithful volunteer soldier in the War of the Rebellion. His great

forte is in reading human character and in shrewd discernment of men. He is an easy and graceful writer, and his pen is never touched with venom. Col. Norris is thoroughly versed in the speculative markets, wherein he has largely dealt, and generally to advantage, especially in grain and oil. He remains unmarried, although an enviable favorite in female society. *He is a very remarkable man.*

This is a drawing of a soldier :—



CAPT. HARRY CLIFTON.

Prominent amongst the Grand Army "boys" of New Hampshire is Capt. Harry Clifton, of Manchester. No man could have nobler qualifications for membership in the order, and no man has worked harder for the advancement of the organization. The soldier element is evident in his face. He is very fond of the military, and belongs to the Amoskeag Veterans and other crack companies. Mr. Clifton is a good adviser, and conference is frequently had with him, even by such sagacious officers of the law as City Marshal Jenkins and Policeman Charlie Reed, with whom he is intimate. Clifton has been known to lend a Concord man money without collateral. *He is a very remarkable man.*

"Behold the Lord High Executioner!

A personage of noble rank and title,—

A dignified and potent officer,

Whose functions are particularly vital.

Defer, defer!

To the noble Lord High Executioner!"



SHERIFF WILLIAM K. NORTON.

Being High Sheriff, "Billy" Norton is the Lord High Executioner of Merrimack county. It is not considered desirable to be hanged, but, if a man is to be hanged, he could not be hanged by a man better and more humane than Ko-Ko Norton. Deputy B. Frank Tucker, or Pooh-Bah Rand, might touch the fatal spring, but Sheriff Norton in his blindest and most polite manner would read the death warrant. Norton has a splendid record as a soldier, and, although a Democrat in a Republican county, he has been two times triumphantly elected by the people, an event that certainly could not have happened if he had not been deservedly popular. *He is a very remarkable man.*

Let me scratch off another noted officer of the law :—



DEPUTY WARDEN THOMAS A. PILSBURY.

One of the crew of the *Mayflower* was named Pilsbury, and he was made keeper for a time over two others of the crew who were refractory and disobedient, and, from that day to this, there has always been a Pilsbury at the head of some penal institution in this country. Sometimes in New York, sometimes in Connecticut, sometimes in New Hampshire, and sometimes elsewhere, but the line of Pilsburys has had more to do with the management and superintendence of prisons and reformatory institutions than any other family. The Grandfather of the gentleman whom I have imperfectly sketched was Warden of our own State Prison, so was his father, and he is the present Deputy Warden. That he is a man of strong character, of undoubted integrity, is evident. He attends to business with a characteristic devotion, and yet is one of the best and jolliest of companions. He loves to fish through the ice, even with dynamite, and to have a good time. It is safe to put him down as *a very remarkable man*.

Any allusion to our politics should include some mention of "The Hubert O. Thompson of New Hampshire"—"Jack" Adams:—



MR. GEORGE H. ADAMS.

Next to the Hon. Frank Jones himself, whose business agent and right bower he is, perhaps no man has greater popular influence with the Democratic masses of our State. And he is the possessor of many estimable social qualities. It is evident from the mere outlines of his face that he is tolerant toward the opinions and failings of others; that he is generous, whether in the secret giving of a loaf of bread to the hungry, or his frequent public subscriptions to worthy enterprises, such as the City Hospital, Shoe Factory, School for Girls, Home for the Aged, etc., and that he is charitable even to the verge of fault. *Charity*,—that seems to me to be the most comprehensive word in the English language,—charity, in judgment and opinion, that puts the better side out, that sees the silver lining to the cloud, that observes men's virtues, their good qualities first,—charity, that feeds the hungry, that visits the sick, that clothes the needy, that enlightens ignorance, that lifts the poor and down-trodden, that does

justice, that is not dogmatic, selfish, egotistic. But "Jack's" great element is the preparation of a chowder for guests of the Penacook Boat Club. The best men go when he holds forth, and it is a treat indeed. He was formerly an humble gold-digger in California, and there he learned to cook to a charm—an acquirement which has made him more friends than has the gold he then found. His whole life is replete with interest, and will undoubtedly be written, for he is *a very remarkable man*.

It has been said that "some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them," but the gentleman whom I shall now introduce was not only born great, but he both achieved greatness and had it thrust upon him :—



GENERAL CHARLES WILLIAMS.

It is certain from the contour of his face that he is no ordinary character, and equally obvious that there is nothing small, or mean, or cheap in his make-up. Starting in business with a two-dollar lamp trade, he has acquired wealth and opulence as a wholesale dealer in

soapstone. Generous almost to a fault, frank and open-hearted, he is a highly respected and very popular citizen of New Hampshire. His home is Manchester, but his business and social qualifications have made him welcome, especially throughout the Merrimack Valley. It is not thought strange that Governor Currier should have selected him for the Chief of his Official Staff, a position which General Williams reluctantly accepted. He is an upright and absolutely temperate gentleman himself, but whose kind and sympathetic nature would not allow him to feel that any friend of his is suffering for food or drink.

Driving to church through a principal street, one Sunday morning, many years ago, an old sitting hen flew from her disturbed nest in his fleeting carriage with a tremendous cackle, startling the public, and greatly annoying Gen. Williams. But he was not disturbed in his religious devotion to the Methodist faith. He has a great love of home, and once, when there was no regular train by which to return, he chartered an engine at considerable expense. He could not consistently be omitted from a series such as I am attempting to delineate, being *a very remarkable man*.

Nothing could be more wonderful than the human face. Nothing could give a grander conception of the limitless ingenuity of the Creator. It is the dial of the human clock-work, the index of the mind within. Thereon are stamped, to him who will carefully study its changeful phases, all the passions, tendencies, and impulses, good or bad, of the heart. No man can long be good, no man can remain really wicked for any considerable time, no man can be strongly actuated by low motive or prompted by high ambition, without its being chronicled upon his face. Care and anxiety will make their record there, and peace and contentment will shine through. All the varied feelings that stir the breast of

man are printed plainly somewhere and somehow in his countenance. The eyes, "mirrors of the soul," tell the most; the mouth is next in order of expression, and the nose, in form and color, follows in significance. Every feature, every lineament, is delicately and most sensitively charged with tell-tale expression, and accurately and most wonderfully the work is done. To understand human nature is to understand and read aright the signs set before us. Nobody could misunderstand this face:—



COL. JOSEPH L. STEVENS.

He is ignorant of his country's history who does not know "Joe" Stevens, the best and yet the most unassuming man in Manchester. For many years he has assiduously devoted himself to the welfare and enjoyment of his fellow-citizens. His name should be written high on the roll of those who love their God, for it leads the list of those who love their fellow-men. The naked he has clothed, the hungry he has fed, the imprisoned he has visited, with the sick he has watched, and to the impecunious made hopeless loans. He is the friend of

the fatherless, the strong staff of widows, the safe reliance of the afflicted. He it was who hired the brass band for old Schaeffer's funeral. For sixteen years he has been Postmaster of his City, and has superintended more than seven hundred funerals. No man is so low as to be beneath his warm pity, and no case in any degree deplorable is beyond the scope of his broad sympathy. It was his laudable enterprise that planned the stocking of the Merrimack river with lamper-eels, and his prudent economy that eat the seed when the plan seemed impracticable. He once bought a bear, at Suncook, for Gen. Williams, and had his clothes badly torn and himself cruelly scratched for his generosity; but Postmaster Stevens, as people have learned to call him, is a very jolly companion, a noble-hearted gentleman of culture and intelligence, and an indefatigable coon hunter. He will probably be the next Mayor of Manchester, and *is a very remarkable man.*

Here is a Northern New Hampshire lawyer:—



HON. IRVING W. DREW.

Prominent amongst the ambitious Democratic politicians of Northern New Hampshire is the Hon. Irving W.

Drew. He has been a member of the three branches of the State Legislature, but is anxious to climb higher. He would much like to go to Congress, or be Governor, and will probably undertake the one canvass or the other as soon as the political complexion of the State is promising for his success. Major Drew, formerly of the Militia, is a good fellow, a very clear-headed and able lawyer, and the original leader of the famous "Gideon's Band." For him the future swings wide and bright. I wish him success, for he *is a very remarkable man.*

Drew's name brings to mind in close association a former member of the Coös Mutual Admiration Society :—



GENERAL PHILIP CARPENTER.

A natural lawyer, a sagacious politician, and a courageous soldier, General Philip Carpenter, now of New York City, is a worthy subject for my crayon. He is a philosopher and a scholar, and a valiant member of Gov. Currier's Staff,—the longest life could contain no more. *He is a very remarkable man.*

The managers of *Harper's Weekly* and *Frank Leslie's* have made an unsuccessful effort to procure some portrait

or picture of the celebrated man whose likeness I shall now crudely portray :—



MR. FRANK P. MITCHELL.

He has been and may again be a candidate for the United States Senate. In the heat of the political canvass for the Senatorship, which convulsed the politics of this State in the Summer of 1883, the name of Frank P. Mitchell was suddenly brought forward. The fuse to his election was lighted by Representative Locke, of Seabrook, who gave him his vote ; but through some mistake or hesitancy on somebody's part, the refrain was not caught up, and Mitchell fell amongst the unsuccessful candidates, with Gen. Marston, J. W. Patterson, William E. Chandler, and the others. It was a great disappointment to "Mitch," who thought he saw the "open sesame" to eminence, the one grand opportunity of his life. Persons have visited Concord for the exclusive purpose of seeing this gentleman ; and others, upon their arrival for any other purpose, hasten to call upon him. He is a prudent and shrewd manager, who, upon a stipend of only fifteen dollars a week, has succeeded in acquiring large

property, being worth not far from a cool hundred thousand in solid securities. *He is a very remarkable man.*

I shall now attempt to chalk out the inimitable and irrepressible Jencks:—



MR. WELCOME JENCKS, JR.

He is a trump card, play him anywhere or any time. Manchester without Welcome Jencks, Jr., hasn't a population of more than fifteen thousand. He is the Sancho Panza of "Joe" Stevens. Welcome is an effective political worker. It was he more than any other one man that elected his brother-in-law, the most estimable Mayor Stearns, to the Chief Executiveship of his City. It was he who procured Patrick Fahey's appointment as Postmaster, when he found that "Joe" could not longer hold the place. Jencks deals in mill machinery. He is now in New Orleans. Nothing is more frequent than for him to take a turbine water-wheel in one hand, a monkey-wrench in the other, and start for California, Concord, or Claremont, to be gone over night. *He is a very remarkable man.*

Presented to the Board of Directors of the
 American Association of Economic Geologists
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 RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY.

I must trot out another Manchester man, and a good one:—



MR. SELWYN B. WALLACE.

This is a good likeness of the man who has flooded Concord people with cats, dogs, roosters, rabbits, rats, goats, etc., for the five years last past. He is the friend and backer of "Bob" Young, also the chum of Charlie Bodwell, who "cabbaged" the black pig from Dan. Connor. Bodwell collects the animals, and "Slicky" Wallace, as he is styled because of his neatness and handsomeness, gives them away with a generosity equal to that of a lord. "Slicky" was poor when Ad. Hutchinson found him, but he is able to lend now. Nothing pleases him more than to give out-of-towners a good send-off. *He is a very remarkable man.*

I have shown you various types of men, but should not omit so important and necessary a personage as a tailor.

What Poole is to London, and what "Jim" Bell is to New York, so is Charlie Woodward to this community. He is the tailor *par excellence*. He makes clothes for



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MR. CHARLES W. WOODWARD.

persons of note in these parts. His place of business is the third block north of M. Wolff's. He is *a very remarkable man.*

You will recognize this as a rising young lawyer :—



FRANK D. CURRIER, ESQ.

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He is an attorney of keen discernment, and has a good knowledge of the law. Canaan is his home and principal place of business, but he is secretary of the Republican State Committee, and its prospective Chairman, and is a natural politician. He was elected by the younger element of his party in this state as a delegate to the last National Republican Convention. He has been a member of the Legislature, and is the present efficient Clerk of the State Senate. He is an especially genial and courteous fellow-citizen, keeps good hours, and withal is a *very remarkable man*.

Here is a prominent Democratic manager :—



KIRK D. PIERCE, ESQ.

This is a likeness in which you will all take an interest, especially at this time. The ascendancy of the Democratic party in this country brought Kirk D. Pierce, Esq., of Hillsborough, into great prominence as a political manager. His intimacy with such estimable gentlemen as Congressman Collins and General Corse, of Massachusetts, together with the great prestige of his name,—being the nephew of the late President Pierce,—not less than

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his own active ability as a lawyer and public man, have conduced to elevate him to considerable influence with the prevailing Administration. He is a polished companion, and eminently "one of the boys," and certainly *a very remarkable man.*

I shall now make an effort to produce the gas-meter man :—



MR. ISAAC W. HILL.

You see him so frequently that it is hardly necessary to represent him in chalk. For more than twenty consecutive years he has been the faithful and accurate accountant of the Concord Gas-Light Company, and has collected the accounts of the Company with a punctiliousness that is embarrassing to many, not stockholders in the concern. He is the grandson of the late Governor Hill, and *a very remarkable man.*

I will now put on the board a head worthy of especial consideration.

This is the present Speaker of the State House of Rep-

representatives, an astute lawyer and a courteous gentleman, resident in Littleton. During the recent session of the Legislature he had a fine suite of rooms at the residence of Hon. Henry P. Rolfe, in Concord, and will be known to posterity as the man who introduced the Hon. Sidney B. Whittemore to public life. Mr. Aldrich displayed his



HON. EDGAR ALDRICH.

fine discernment in the selection of Mr. Whittemore for the chairmanship of the House Agricultural Committee, where he so finely acquitted himself as to be appointed a Trustee of the Agricultural College. *Both are very remarkable men.*

Much desire has been evinced to have this interesting picture put upon the board.

This is a very popular gentleman, and an especially good book-binder, being the fortunate partner of Deacon Crawford. Mr. Stockbridge is a prominent Free Mason, and takes a great interest in all that pertains to the order. He is one of the original members of the Webster Club

of Concord, and is a very genial and upright citizen. *He is a very remarkable man.*



MR. EDWARD A. STOCKBRIDGE.

Let me conclude the evening's entertainment with the introduction of a character that all will recognize :—



MAJOR WILLIAM H. ALEXANDER.

Born in one of the hill towns of old Vermont, nobody knows just where or when, not even Major Alexander himself, his early life was uneventful, and ran as smoothly as a Summer brook. He was the cause of much annoyance in boyhood, being a very mischievous lad, a tendency which grew on him in later years and developed into a chronic fondness for fun and safe practical jokes. He was hardly more than a boy when he came to Concord to live. He entered the employment of the Concord Railroad some thirty odd years ago. Beginning as a clerk, he was promoted from place to place, and at the beginning of the War was Agent of the Concord R. R. at Portsmouth. He had the honor to be the first man drafted in this State, and he entered the service of the Government with courage, and served with a fidelity worthy of especial mention. At the close of the Rebellion, Major Alexander resumed his connection with the Concord Railroad, running as Conductor, and winning a popularity amongst the patrons and managers of the Road that gave him a wide acquaintance and great influence in this community. In 1869 the Road granted him a temporary leave of absence for a few months to take the important and responsible office of Superintendent of the Dutchess & Columbia Railroad of New York. Under his management this line of railroad was enabled to pay a dividend to its stockholders, which it has not since done. Returning to the Concord Railroad he continued to climb the ladder of fame and fortune. He was elected Fuel Agent of the Company, and subsequently was appointed General Supply Agent, a position requiring careful judgment and superior discernment. Whilst at Portsmouth and since then he has been interested in Government contracts and other enterprises which have netted handsome returns. Such was his ready capital that he was induced to open a loan and brokerage office at the Concord Railway Station, in connection with his mani-

fold other trusts and duties ; but, although not a loser, he did not find the new enterprise indigenous to his tastes. Major Alexander has a favorite horse and a trained dog, each of which has only one eye. He is not only a very companionable gentleman, but an estimable and wealthy citizen, and *a very remarkable man*.

By special request I will put another picture on the blackboard, and leave it for the janitor to guess at :—



You may pronounce this a poor drawing of old John Randolph, and I will smile. Should you take it for Jake Sharpe, I should not be displeased at the mistake. You might think it a caricature of John L. Sullivan, and I would take no offence, but I wish it understood that it is not intended for Scales of the *Dover Republican*. His literal mind, accustomed only to grand thoughts and profound ideas, would take immediate affront. He would attack me through the paper with which he is connected, and charge me with trying to "disparage the Republican party generally," whose exclusive champion he assumes

to be. There is no fun, no sense of humor in his make-up, and it would be a terrible thing if his displeasure were visited on this effort as it was on Uncle Hen. Drew's "Battle of Dorking." Scales is not much known to the public, otherwise I might give him a flattering notice, for he is, I guess, *a very remarkable man*.

I thank you for your kind indulgence. My next lecture will be entitled "Remarks on Remarkable Women," and the subscription list is now open.

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